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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, IS, US
SUBJECT: CBU DECISION

REF: STATE 037508 - TOSEC 020107

1. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE WHITE HOUSE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DETERMINED THAT CBU-72 WEAPONS ARE NOT TO BE SOLD TO ISRAEL HAS ATTRACTED WIDESPREAD REPORTING AND COMMENT IN THE ISRAELI MEDIA. THE IMPACT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS SOMEWHAT SOFTENED BY EARLIER MEDIA REPORTING OF THE SECRETARY'S DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT HERE, WHICH LED TO THE ANTICIPATION THAT THE DECISION WOULD BE A NEGATIVE ONE. COMMENTS ABOUT THE DENIAL OF THE WEAPONS ARE BASED MORE ON THE ALLEGED UNRELIABILITY OF THE U.S. AS A SUPPLIER THAN ON THE
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NATURE OF THE WEAPONS. THESE COMMENTS ALLEGE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RENEGED ON A COMMITMENT MADE BY THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION TO SUPPLY THE WEAPONS AND CLAIM THAT THE U.S. HAS NEVER BEFORE REVERSED SUCH A COMMITMENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM JOURNALISTS AND

OFFICIALS THE EMBASSY IS STRESSING THAT THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE ITS DECISION NOT TO MAKE THESE
WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO ISRAEL AS PART OF ITS POLICY ON
GLOBAL ARMS SALES. WE ARE REFERRING QUESTIONERS TO
THE STATEMENT BY WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN POWELL CONCERNING
REVIEW BY AN ADMINISTRATION OF DECISIONS OF A PREVIOUS
ADMINISTRATION. (REFTEL).
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